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天河伝説殺人事件 2

STRANGE ORAGE

石原ケイコ

KEIKO ISHIHARA

STRANGE DRAGON

第4話

こんにちは。お久しぶりです…かな？
この度はストレンジドラゴン第二巻をお手に
取って下さってありがとうございます!!
とりあえず三話(一巻)で一旦終了した
ストレンジドラゴン。応援して下さった皆様の
おかげで続編を描かせて頂けました。
前巻にギュウギュウ詰め込んだときめきと
冒険感を、主役二人と共に更に育てられたらな、
という気もちで描いた全五話です。
龍と姫の新しい物語に、どうぞ最後まで
お付き合い下さいませ。

石原ケイコ

THIS PLACE IS THE COUNTRY OF SEIRUUN

THE COUNTRY THAT WAS ONCE PROTECTED BY THE WHITE DRAGON

AND WAS EVENTUALLY ABANDONED BY IT

I. HIBANA, THE PRINCESS OF THIS COUNTR YEARNED FOR A DRAGON TO RETRIEVE THE ROYAL THRONE THAT WAS STOLEN FROM ME BY MY UNCLE

AND THEN I MET ISARA. THE MUTATED RED DRAGON WHO WAS ABANDONED BY HIS TRIBE DUE TO HIS WEAK DIVINE POWER AND INABILITY TO FLY

WE PLEDGED A LIFETIME BOND

AND

ISARA AND I...

BECAME SEIRUIN'S QUEEN AND GAURDIAN DRAGON

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN HIBANA, HUH

THE ANNOUNCEMENT CEREMONY IS STILL GOING ON

UNTIL THE FORMAL CORONATION SHE'S STILL "THE ROYAL PRINCESS"

SHE REALLY DID SUBDUE A DRAGON!

IS THAT OKAY? ACCORDING TO HISTORY THERE'S NEVER BEEN A RED DRAGON...

NO

APPARANTLY THAT'S THE COLOR OF "THE DAYBREAK"

THE COLOR OF DAY-BREAK, HUH?

THAT LIVING THING THAT WE DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT.

THE PEOPLE AT THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL SURE ARE DOCILE TO JUST ACCEPT IT.

THE PEOPLE IN THE CAPITAL AE DRAGON BELIEVERS, BUT... IT'S EXCEPTIONALLY ACTIVE RIGHT NOW

HOWEVER, IN THE LONG AGO OUR RELATION WITH THAT CLAN WAS RUINED 100 YEARS AGO

I JUST DON'T BELIEVE IT AT ALL

I HAVE NO INTENTION TO ENTRUST PRINCESS HIBANA TO THAT

BUT, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

WELL, WHATEVER THE CASE, IT'S NOT OUR TURN YET

YOU GUY'S DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME

.....

ENOUGH ALREADY ....

MASTER .....!!!

YOU'RE NOT A BODYGAURD IF YOU'RE THAT FAR AWAY

HERE IS ENOUGH

MASTER .....

IT'S OKAY SHATA, LET ISARA DO WHAT HE WANTS

BUT... AT LEAST LET US HAVE LUNCH TOGETHER...

I KNOW ....

IT'S THE BEGINNING OF A NEW STORY

HE IS MY GAURDIAN DRAGON, ISARA

THE MOMENT HE FORMALLY BECAME MY BODY-GAURD

IT SEEMS HE REVERTED BACK TO BEING UN-FRIENDLY, LIKE WHEN WE FIRST MET

IT'S ALRIGHT HE'S IN A PLACE WHRE I CAN SEE HIM

SO LET'S JUST HAVE LUNCH

IT'S FINE THEN IF HIBANA SAY'S SO

I DON'T NEED IT.

THE FACT THAT WE PLEDGED OUR BOND

AND THE FCAT THAT HE RUSHED TO THE CEROMONY SO EAGERLY AS WELL.

AND ALSO ....

HONESTLY, I'M SLIGHTLY LONELY,BUT ...

IN THE END.... I WONDER WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT

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THE HUMAN RESOURCE WERE CUT IN HALF AFTERALL

AFTER UNCLE AND ALL OF HIS FOLLOWERS HAD RETIRES FROM THE SERVICES

I HAVE TO QUICKLY ASSEMBLE PEOPLE WITH THE STATE EXAM

IT SOUND LIKE A LOT OF WORK

EH? NO! NOT AT ALL

IT'S DELICIOUS

THE KITCHEN STAFF WE'RE SAYING THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH PEOPLE AS WELL

I MADE THESE BY MYSELF

OH MY

IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS TOLD ANYTHING AFTER THAT ....

HUH? DID I MAKE IT TOO SPICY?

EH?

EVEN IF YOU'RE INSIDE THE PALACE IT'S STILL DANGEROUS WITHOUT A GAURD, PRINCEESS HIBANA

sfx: fwak

sfx: clang

a pipe?

PLEASE FORGIVE THIS ACT, PRINCESS HIBANA-SAMA

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE LAST MET

THIS VOICE ....

YOU'RE HERE AFTER ALL

WHAT A BODYGAURD THAT LIKE TO PUT ON AIRS

SO, IT REALLY IS YOU...

SUZURI !!!

HE WAS SENT TO ANOTHER REGION BECUASE MY UNCLE DIDN'T LIKE HIM...

HE'S SOMEONE WHO USED TO SERVE MY FATHER AS AN INTERIOR OFFICER IN THE PAST

BY THE WAY PRINCESS.

DURING THE ANNOUNCEMENT I WAS WATCHING FROM BELOW,

I WAS CALLED BACK BY A LETTER I RECIEVED FROM PRINCESS HIBANA-SAMA FOR THIS OCCASION

ALTHOUGH, I AM POOR OF ABILITY, IF I CAN BE OF HELP...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY POOR ABILITY?

IT'LL BE OF GREAT HELP IS SUZURI IS THE ONE IN CHARGE OF THE INTERIOR!

THE DRAGON IS...

AHHH ...

THIS IS HIM

MY GARUDIAN DRAGON, ISARA

SO, IT'S A MALE

.....

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE IT...

WOULD IT BE ALRIGHT IF I ASK YOU TO TURN INTO A DRAGON

I REFUSE !!!

第4話のこと

一巻の終わらせ方が
あれだったので、描いた
私も「この二人この後
どうすんだろ。できあが
ちゃうのかしら」と思いま
したが、双方 恋愛スキル
低いので、結局こんな
感じの進展でした。

一件落着したお話の
扉を新たに開くのは
嬉しくもなかなか
骨の折れる作業でした。

途中から読む人にも
わかるお話にしようと
頑張ったつもりですが
どうでしょうか。
まあ二巻から読み始め
る人もそんなにいない
か！

てへ！

OR SHOVE MY HEAD IN HIS MOUTH...

IN REALITY I WANT TO OBSERVE A DRAGON AS IF I WAS LICKING IT!

EVEN I'M HOLDING BACK SINCE ISARA WOULD BE EMBARRASSES!

STOP IT, SUZURI!!

EVEN THOUGH I WANT TO CLIMB ON HIS BACK AND PRETEND TO BE TARO THE DRAGON BOY

AND...

EVEN THOUGH I WANT A SCALE

DON'T SUDDENLY APPEAR AND THROW A TANTRUM WHILE SAYING "SHOW ME"

AND THEN,

EVEN IF THERE WERE OTHER DRAGONS

MY ONLY DRAGON IS ISARA

涼厘のこと

サイルーン内務官。
一応中華風ファンタジーのつもりで描いているのでここらで一人みっあみキャラを出さねば的な思いを背負って生まれた人です。
姫様をさしおいて姫カット。
髪質と左目下のほくろは本人もお気に入り。

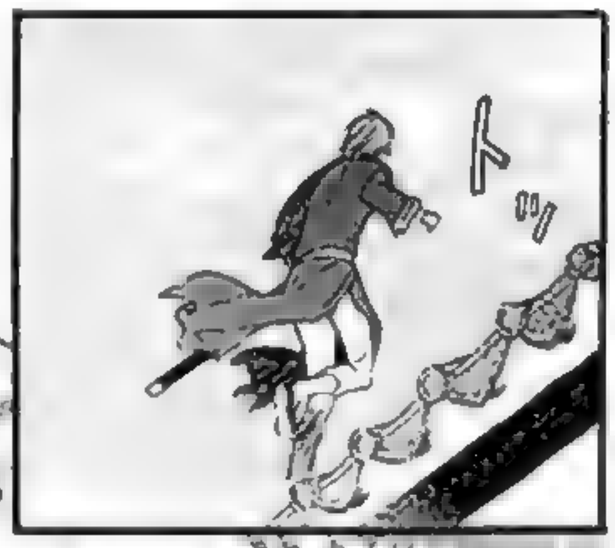
頭もカンも良いので女性の扱いもうまくてまあまあモテていましたが、誰とも長続きしなかったようです。

多分、20代後半くらい。
好きなものは仕事と甘い飲み物。

WHAT'S WITH HIS ATTITUDE?

HE ALWAYS RUNS AWAY WHEN HE'S EMBARRASSED

PROB-ABLY?



PRINCESS

.....

JUST EMBAR-RASSED, RIGHT?

I DON'T HAVE FAITH IN GODS NOR DRAGONS,

!

I DON'T LIKE THAT GUY...

WHO? SUZURI?!

I FEEL LIKE HE'S DEFINITELY PLANNING SOMETHING

THE ONLY ONE THAT I'LL SERVE

IS THE LATE KING WHO GAVE ME, A POOR NOBLE MAN, A DUTY

AND HIS DAUGHTER, YOU, PRINCESS HIBANA

MY LOYALTY,

SOMEHOW... BELEIVE IN IT PRINCESS.

THERE'S CERTAINLY A PART OF HIM THAT YOU CAN'T READ, BUT...

HE'S SOMEONE YOU CAN TRUST

UM... HE'S NOT SO BAD OF A PERSON THAT YOU HAVE TO BE SO WARY

HE BRUSHED MY HEAD

EVEN TO THE SILVER HAIRED ME, WHO WAS AVOIDED DUE TO MY FOREIGN BLOOD BY EVERYONE, BUT ONLY HE WAS KIND FROM THE START

HE'S FAIR TO EVERYONE NO MATTER WHAT STATUS THEY HAVE

EVEN FATHER COUNTED ON HIM THE MOST

THEN JUST DO WHATEVER YOU WANT AND TRUST HIM

EH?

HOW ISARA TOUCHED IT

I-I WANT TO CHASE HIM, BUT...

FIRST I HAVE TO CLEAN UP THE WORK THAT'S PILED UP

THIS -

AND ALSO THIS

sfx:clatter

ISARA?

KYAA !!!!

ISARA...

EVER SINCE HE CAME HERE IN THE PALACE

HE SEEMS FRUSTRATED

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF HE REGRETS BECOMING MY GAURDIAN DRAGON...

OH?

HOW CARELESS OF ME. I FELL ASLEEP

OLD HAG PRINCESS

U- UNCLE?

WHY ARE YOU HERE IN THE PALACE?

NO !!!

EVEN THOUGH NOBODY ACCEPTS YOU

DIE ALONE

WAS ALL OF IT...

YOU HERETIC PRICESS WHO CARRIES A FOREIGN BLOOD

SHE WON'T UNDER-STAND

SHABBY

YOU SHOULD JUST LEAVE

LIVE ALONE

ARE YOU REALLY THE KING'S CHILD

WHAT A STRANGE HAIR

WAS JUST MY DREAM?

HUH?

I-
ISARA?

IF YOU'RE SO TIRED THAT YOU WON'T EVEN WAKE-UP EVEN AFTER ROLLING OFF THE CHAIR, THE REST!

ah
my shoes
are still...

*bed

SOMETHING LIKE A DRAGON,

IN REALITY ...

DARK...

COLD ...

ISARA !!!

I DON'T WANT TO BOTHER HIM ANYMORE THAN I ALREADY HAD

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING ME TO MY ROOM, GOOD-NIGHT

.....

WHAT?

AH...

W-WAIT ISARA!!!

HE CARRIED ME HERE ALL THE WAY TO MY BEDROOM

ストーカー

WHAT KIND OF DREAM DID YOU SEE?

HOW ...

THAT'S THE DREAM I SAW...

THE COLD ROYAL PALACE WHEN I WAS ALONE...

BEFORE I MET ISARA AND SHATA...

...DID YOU KNOW?

THE FACT THAT I MET A DRAGON

THIS SIDE SEEMS MORE LIKE A DREAM

TO ME...

EVEN BEING BY MY SIDE BRUSHING MY HAIR...

I'M SLIGHTLY AFRAID THAT IF I SLEEP AND WAKE UO, IT'LL ALL BE GONE AND NOTHING MORE THAN A DREAM

SEEMS LIKE A MIRACLE

IT'S PRICKING ME, WHAT IS THIS?

EH?

IT HURTS!

WAIT A SEC

SFX:REACH

IF YOU DON'T WANT IT THEN THROW IT AWAY

SCALE

I WON'T THROW IT!!!

IF IT HURTS WHEN YOU HOLD IT THEN THIS IS NOT A DREAM

RED...

I WON'T THROW IT AWAY

I'LL ALWAYS TAKE THIS WITH ME EVEN IN MY GRAVE

THANK YOU ISARA

I CAN COMPLETELY SEE HIS EYE COLOR

UNDER THE MOONS LIGHT

AH...

IT FEELS AS IF I'M BEING SUCKED IN...

I'LL BE BACK IN TWO MINUTES

I'M GOING TO GET SOME FRESH AIR

EH?

fresh air?

GO TO SLEEP ALREADY!

!?

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EVEN THOUGH ISARA'S SHY...

H-H-H- HE ONLY TOUCHED ME, RIGHT?

SOMETIMES HE'S SO CLOSE, IT SURPRISES ME

I WONDER IF ALL DRAGONS ARE LIKE THAT

H

H

?

.....

.....

EVEN THOUGH I TOLD YOU TO NOT REMOVE YOUR BODY GAURD EVEN IF YOU'RE INSIDE THE PALACE

.....

ANYWAY,

I'M NO LONGER SCARED EVEN IF I CLOSE MY EYES

WHY?

WHY DOES SHE SHOW ME THAT KIND OF FACE...

EH?

THAT TIME TOO...

WITHOUT THINKING I SUDDENLY ....

.....
RIGHT?

"WASN'T ABLE TO CHOOSE..."

AREN'T I HIBANA'S GAURDIAN DRAGON?

THE TRUTH IS..

I... DON'T HAVE A REASON TO BE WITH HIBANA

THIS THE T... M... HE... BE DIS... ED OVER SUCH

THAT'S WHY...

IT WASN'T THAT I WAS CHOSEN

I HAVE TO WORK HARD TO FULFILL MY ROLE

sfx:swoooosh

7th

HIBANA...

I WAS ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT PRINCESS WELL-BEING

BUT, IF IT'S NOW... I CAN PROTECT YOU WITH ALL THAT I HAVE.

I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING FROM THE OTHER REGION, EVEN WHEN I HEARD THAT YOU WERE ALL ALONE

SUZURI ...

WELL... WHAT SHOULD I DO?

WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO BY BRINGING ME HERE AT THE ENTRANCE GATE

SUZURI

IT'S JUST THAT HIS BODY IS GIGANTIC

I WONDER IF HE'S AS EARNEST AS I AM?

TO SOMETHING LIKE A DRAGON

…I CAN'T ENTRUST YOU

TO SOME-ONE WHO WOULD CAUSE THE PRINCESS TO MAKE A SUCH A FACE

TO ENTRUST YOU WITH ANOTHER, I JUST CAN'T STAN--

SO FAST!

DON'T JUST SELFISHLY SEPARATE ME FROM HIBANA!!!

ISA-

WEREN'T YOU THE ONE WHO SELFISHLY DISTANCED YOURSELF IN THE FIRST PLACE

RETURN HER TO ME NOW!

IF YOU WANT TO GET HER BACK...

THEN TAKE HER IF YOU CAN!!!

HEHE, SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING INTERESTING IS HAPPENING

I WAS RIGHT TO FOLLOW THAT REDHEAD, WHO WAS IN SUCH A RUSH

PLEASE STOP IT SUZURI!!!

HIBANA ....

BUT I CAN'T JUST CUT THEM DOWN WITH-OUT KNOWING THIER REAL PURPOSE

DAMN IT

THERES NO END TO THEM IF I JUST HIT THEM WITH THE SHEATH

YOU CAN PUNISH ME HOWEVER YOU WANT LATER

I SWORE TO THE LATE KING THAT I WOULD PROTECT THIS COUNTRY AND PRINCESS HIBANA-SAMA

HAVE YOU GONE CRAZY!!?

STOP THIS AT ONCE, SUZURI!!!

NO!!!

...SHE SAID THAT SHE TRUSTS THAT GUY...

AH...

IT'S BECAUSE I'M I NCOMPETENT,

SHOWING MY UNEASE DIRECTLY ON MY FACE,

THAT YOU WERE FORCED TO DO THIS

SUZURI

I SEE

I'M SORRY

I ALSO, WITH MY BODY AND HEART

FOUND ISARA AND TOOK HIS HANDS

BUT SUZURI

THATS WHY, PLEASE BELEIVE IN

ME

PRINCESS ---

AND MY DRAGON

YOU GUYS ARE SO TEPID

IF YOU'RE FIGHTING SOMEONE STRONG

IT'S BORING IF YOU DON'T GO ALL OUT

WHO?

WAIT!?

YOU GUYS AREN'T RELATED---

HE'S IN DANGER

ISARA!

HIBANA
!!!

AH...

WOAH ...

SUZURI-SAMA

ARE WE GOING TO FIGHT WITH THIS DRAGON TOO?

WAAAH!!!

T-THIS IS JUST IMPOS SIBLE

H-HUH?

HE FLEW AWAY

SO THAT'S-

WE'RE SAVED SOMEHOW

HIBANA!

A GAURDIAN DRAGON

THAT WAS A BAMBOO SWORD

I JUST PASSED OUT BECAUSE IT HURT SO MUCH

NOTHING IS WRONG WITH ME

HIBANA!

HIBANA!

I...

ISARA?

UGH ...

I-

THAT'S WHY I'M A MOCK DRAGON

YOU WERE SLASHED RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES!!!

EVEN THOUGH I'M YOUR GAURDIAN DRAGON

I'M NOT PROPERLY PROTECTING YOU HIBANA AT ALL

ISARA?

I COLDN'T CONTROL MY EMOTIONS

AND SEPARATED MYSELF AWAY FROM YOU

B-BUT YOU CAME BACK PROPERLY, DIDN'T YOU

ISARA WAS ALSO UNEASY

ISARA

BEING A GAURDIAN DRAGON FOR THE FIRST TIME

I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PROTECTED

EVER SINCE YOU CAME, ISARA

THE ROYAL PALACE WAS NO LONGER LONELY NOR A SCARY PLACE TO ME

BECAUSE NO MATTER WHERE I AM I CAN ALWAYS FEEL ISARA'S PRESENCE

YOU ARE PROTECTING MY HEART

EVEN IN MY DREAMS YOU STILL DO SO

JUST HAVING YOU BY MY SIDE ISARA
I CAN BECOME THE WORLD'S HAPPIEST QUEEN

EVEN THOUGH WHILE HOLDING AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF POWER

HE DOUBTS

AND FEELS LOST

HE'S STILL A NEWBORN GAURDIAN DRAGON

YOU KNOW THAT, THAT'S NOT ENOUGH

YES

THAT'S WHY PLEASE GROW UP EVEN MORE, FROM NOW ON

FOREVER

THE BOTH OF US TOGETHER

AND...

I'M TELLING YOU, DON'T JUST IMMEDIATELY MAKE THAT KIND OF FACE!!!

I ALSO ...

FOREVER

JUST DON'T SHOW IT TO ANYONE!!!

what?

eh

what do you mean by my face?

?

?

?

ISARA

ALRIGHT, THAT'S ENOUGH

sfx:GONG

OPENS

MY FATHER'S WILL?

YES, HE ENTRUSTED ME WITH A LOT OF THINGS WHEN HE WAS SICK IN BED

I WON'T DO ANYTHING ANYMORE, SO PLEASE COME DOWN AND LISTEN TO MY EXPLAINATION

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WHEN HIBANA, WHO CARRIES FOREIGN BLOOD, RISES TO THE THRONE

MANY HARDSHIPS WILL COME IN HER WAY

THE ONE THAT WOULD PROTECT THAT GIRL, PLEASE

SUZURI, I WANT YOU TO JUDGE THAT PERSON IN MY PLACE

ALTHOUGH THERE WAS ALSO A MIX OF PERSONAL FEELINGS

WELL... SLIGHTLY

SO YOU WERE FOLLOWING THE WILL AND TESTED ME?

OH FATHER

IT'S WRITTEN "FIRST OF ALL IF IT TURNS OUT A GUY, BEAT HIM UP ATLEAST ONCE"

...WILL HAVE TO GO TO A DANGEROUS PLACE

SOON, PRINCESS HIBANA

THERE ARE STILL PARTS THAT I AM DISSATISFIED WITH BUT WE DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH TIME TO SPARE

SEIRUUN'S WEST BORDER NAMUTOCK

TO THE MINING NATION WHERE THE KHALKHA TRIBE LIVES

ハルハ族…

EH?

I FOUND OUT UPON DOING A LOCAL PATROL ON MY ARRIVAL

THEY USED TO HAVE A FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR COUNTRY

AND THEY'RE ALSO THE TRIBE THAT'S EXCLUSIVELY PROVIDING US WITH "GUNPOWDER"

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM HAS BEEN RUINED DUE TO THE PREVIOUS KING, SHIDOU'S TYRANNY

IT'S "UP UNTIL NOW"

IS IT A DANGEROUS COUNTRY?

IT'S A AGGRESSIVE MILITARY NATION

LEDA EMPIRE!?

THERE'S APPARENTLY MOVEMENT THAT IMPLIES THAT THEY'RE SWITCHING THEIR TRADE TO THE LEDA EMPIRE IN THE NORTH

AND THE COUNTRY THAT TRADES "GUNPOWDER"

THAT THE KING HIMSELF MUST VISIT THE KHALKHA TRIBE

I SOMEHOW MANAGED TO NEGOTIATE WITH THEIR PATRIARCH AND THE CONDITION THAT WAS PRESENTED WAS

THEIR SWITCH IS A BIG THREAT TO US

I WILL GO

I PERSON -ALLY

NORMALLY A KING WOULDN'T NEED TO ABIDE TO THE SUMMONS OF ONE PART OF THE REGION..

I NEED TO PROPERLY APOLOGIZE IF WE HAVE HURT THEM...

AS THE RULER OF SEIRUUN

NO.. I...

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, I CAN'T FLY THAT LONG...

AND APPARENTLY VISITED TEN THOUSAND LANDS ALL BY THEMSELVES

AND THE PAST KINGS STRADDLED ON THEIR FLYING DRAGONS,

AND

RIGHT NOW, WHILE THE GOVERNMENT'S UNSTABLE DUE TO HAVING A NEW RULER,

IT'S NOT GOOD TO LOSE ANY ALLIES ON THE OUTSIDE

.....

I SEE YOU ALSO WANT TO GO OUTSIDE WITH YOUR DRAGON

excited

tremble

excited

I'LL GO!!!

ストレンジ ドラゴン

PRINCESS

EH?

THERES SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO SAY

NO THANK YOU, I ALREADY HAVE ISARA

I KNEW THAT YOU WOULD SAY THAT

THAT IS WHY I WANTED TO PREPARE THE BEST BODYGAURD FOR YOU

THE YOU RIGHT NOW COMPLETELY FAILS AS A QUEEN

MISFORTUNE TO ISARA

PLEASE GROW UP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE PRINCESS

YOU WILL BRING UPON MISFORTUNE TO YOUR PRECIOUS DRAGON AS WELL

IF YOU STAY AS YOU ARE, SOMEDAY

IS THE CONVERSATION FINALLY OVER?

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S-

SUZURI THAT...

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MISS NEW QUEEN

SORRY FOR SLASHIN YOU BACK THERE

HI

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CAN'T YOU WAIT UNTIL LATER

I WOULD HAVE MADE A FORMAL AUDIENCE LATER

WHO MAY YOU BE?

THAT SURPRISED ME

WHAT?

NAMUTOCK'S MESSENGER

THE UPCOMMING PATRIATCH OF KHALKHA TRIBE TEKA-DONO AND

AND HIS LITTLE SISTER MAYA-DONO